

FRANCIS MARION AND EMMA  
ANN MAXFIELD BETHERS JR.

Francis (Frank) M. Bethers Jr. was born at Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, on July 12, 1845, seventh child of Zadock Sturgeous

and Sarah Collins Bethers. He married Emma Ann Maxfield at Council Bluffs. She was born March 6, 1848, at Council Bluffs, daughter of Richard and Eliza Parrott Maxfield, who came to Prince Edward Island, Canada, from Hull, Yorkshire, England.

Frank died in 1916 and Emma died in November, 1933, at Vernal.

The parents of Francis were former residents of Snowhill, Worcester County, Maryland, and later of Marysville, Mason County, Kentucky. Before joining the LDS Church the family name was Bethards, which was changed to Bethers at the time they joined the Church.

In 1852 he came with his parents across the plains, in Captain Joseph Outhouse's company. His father, Zadock S. Bethers, was captain of the fourth ten of the fourth company, consisting of 45 wagons. Mr. Bethers' personal equipment consisted of four yoke of cows, three oxen, and three new wagons, one with provisions, one with household goods and one for the family's transportation.

The Sioux Indians stopped them at the Luke Fork River bridge, demanding \$500 from the train of immigrants, but finally took the best one of two dogs Mr. Bethers had and let them cross.

The first death in this company was that of a little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin, which occurred at Devils Gate, near Echo. The father took his table and made a coffin of it and buried his child, putting cactus on the grave to prevent the wolves from digging it up.

They arrived at Provo on September 22, 1852, where people met them, bringing food and helping them to camp. After the father got the family settled on a farm he became discouraged and went back to Council Bluffs. After a few years he returned to Provo, taking his wife and six sons with him and leaving his married daughters, Nancy Elizabeth B. Smith and Mary Jane B. York at Provo.

In Council Bluffs, Frank Bethers met Emma Ann Maxfield, born March 6, 1848, at Council Bluffs, and daughter of Richard and Eliza Parrott Maxfield, who first came to Prince Edward Island, Canada, from Hull, Yorkshire, England. After hearing the LDS gospel, she left to join the Mormons at Council Bluffs. They lived in

Hailstone, Wasatch County, for awhile, then in 1881 moved to Daniel onto land north of his brother William's homestead. Frank was an excellent farmer and Emma a splendid cook and housekeeper. People often remarked, and still do, about the wonderful memory she had for birth, marriage and death dates. She was famous for her twisters (twisted doughnut dough) and for pumpkin pie.

In 1906, Frank M. Bethers and his brother, William S. Bethers, went back to a reunion with their four brothers and two sisters at Council Bluffs, Ill., after 44 years of separation. They saw how the small village of Florence, Nebraska, had grown to a town of 2,000 and the city of Omaha, which had not been founded when they left by wagon train for Utah.

Frank Bethers and Emma were the parents of 14 children, among them two sets of twins.

Children of Francis Marion Bethers:

Eliza Jane Bethers, first married to Robert Carr. He left her with one small girl, Lydia, to rear. She later married Louis Osiek and they made their home in Daniel, around the hill from her father's farm toward Center Creek. Howard Duke now owns this farm. Eliza and Louis had six children, all born in Daniel. Mary Jane Osiek died young, also Herman Grant. Emma Eliza married Oscar Sweat and, with their family, live near Vernal. Louis Osiek married Rose Larsen, and with their large family live near Vernal. Henry never married. Sophia married August Syrasdahl, and their family lives near Provo. Eliza later married an Empey.

John Bethers and Jay Bethers were never married.

Margaret (Maggie) married John Carter, and they with their children, Earl, Elden and Myrtle, lived in Carterville, on Provo Bench. The children are all married and have children.

Abraham, or 'A' Bethers, as he was called, married Martha Nuttall. They had three boys and a girl. Joseph Francis married Genevieve Leavett and they had several children. He died quite young. George L. and Wilford L. never married. Ruby Bethers was married twice and had several children. She lived in California. Abraham was engaged in farming at Provo.

Frank Mahlon Bethers, a Provo farmer, was married to Etta Carter at Provo. They lived 25 years in Provo, five years in Idaho and Wyoming before returning to Provo. He died November 18, 1940. They were the parents of Glen Bethers and Norma B. Hatch of Provo, Welby L. Bethers, Dee B. Nichols and Leah B. Hoff of Pittsburg, California; Flora B. Turpin of Hooper, and Jane B. Pope of Los Angeles.

Francis Marion Bethers Jr. (Frank) never married. When his sister, Sarah Ellis Nuttall, was left a widow with her three boys to rear, he worked in the mines at Park City and supported her and the boys and helped raise them.

Zadock Stergeous, never married.

Annie Marinda married Franklin Ivie and they are the parents of eight children, all born in Heber except Mary Ann Ivie. One died, William Alfred. The children were Orphia, Mary Jane, Mary Ann, Sarah Ellis, David Russell, John Hyrum, Richard, William Alfred. Annie Marinda Ivie died October 11, 1911.

Robert Waterman married Hannah Nuttall. They lived on a small farm close to the Center Creek road east of the road around the hill from Daniel and in Park City, where both died. They had three boys and a girl, Richard Afton Bethers, born August 1, 1913, in Daniel. He married and lives with his family in Salt Lake. Mary Ellen, born January 21, 1916, died the same day at Wallsburg; Robert, born September 14, 1921, at Park City and died same day. Leland Waterman, born August 3, 1928, married and lived in New York City for several years, and then came back to Utah.

Park City, Utah, June 18, 1940. Hannah Nuttall Bethers, 55, was killed yesterday at 3 p.m., when struck by a Rio Grande train on the Park City branch line. The woman was walking from her home to a grocery store when she was struck by the train and dragged 100 feet. She was found under the third car. Crewmen said they blew the whistle and rang the bell, but she ignored it. She was taken immediately to the Park City Hospital, but both legs and one arm were severely crushed. She died of shock and loss of blood and internal injuries. She was born September 4, 1885, in Wallsburg, Utah, daughter of

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